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## THE DOG IN THE MANGER.

With an inordinate greed and a sordid selfishness, San Antonio has acted the dog in the manger so long that it has become a second nature with her, and so long has she yielded to this spirit of envy that by force of habit she not only opposes, but puts up a fight against any and every proposition that tends to the benefit of any town within a radius of two hundred miles of Tamaleville. In this iniquitous work San Antonio has a pliant tool in Congressman Slayden, who never misses an opportunity to put a stumbling block in the way of the progress of any town within the radius already mentioned. Especially do the towns of Eagle Pass and Del Rio suffer from this jealous opposition on the part of San Antonio. Only recently a bill was vetoed by the president, after passing Congress by a handsome majority, establishing a branch of the federal court at Del Rio, the veto no doubt being largely, if not entirely, due to influence brought to bear upon the president by San Antonio through hired agents in Washington.

So much having been accomplished, San Antonio is seeking to deprive Eagle Pass of an appropriation for a federal building, claiming, with the audacity of the proverbial "government mule," that three-fourths of the customs business of Eagle Pass is San Antonio business which Eagle Pass should not be accredited with. The following newspaper special from Washington, which is no doubt either from the pen of, or dictated by, Congress-

man Slayden, shows to what extremes San Antonio will go in her mad jealousy and insatiable greed. It says:

"Some time ago an agitation was started in favor of creating San Antonio a full port of entry, with a view to concentrating the custom service of a large part of the Mexican frontier at San Antonio. A strong opposition was developed in Texas to the proposition, and the matter was dropped. New interest has been given to the proposition, however by reason of a hearing before the committee on public buildings on the necessity for increasing the size of the building at San Antonio. Among the information laid before the committee by Representative Slayden were figures showing that three fourths of the business credited the custom house at Eagle Pass was San Antonio business, and such an impression did the presentation of the statement make on the committee that it is now reported that Eagle Pass' chance for a public building because of its custom business is hanging in the balance. The committee, which is laying for every possible excuse to cut down the size of the public building bill, has sized upon this presentation of the case to argue that the service at Eagle Pass does not stand in such urgent need of a building, if three-fourths of its business is San Antonio business. The sub-committee had originally decided in favor of recommending \$50,000 for the Eagle Pass building."

Why should San Antonio be made a general port of entry? She is not a border city, being situated more than a hundred and

fifty miles inland. Del Rio or Eagle Pass have better claim, as border towns, to become general ports of entry. It is not strange that a strong opposition should develop against making San Antonio a full port of entry with the prospect of the abolishment of the ports all up and down the Rio Grande. Such an opposition needs no explanation, neither is a man compelled to have two eyes to see through San Antonio's motive in inaugurating such a move, as well as her hostility to every move in behalf of the border towns all the way from Del Rio to Brownsville.

San Antonio's greed has not been confined to ports of entry and federal court, but she even begrudges Brackettville the little morsel enjoyed through the maintenance of Fort Clark and is making a strenuous effort to concentrate the soldiers at Fort San Houston.

San Antonio's greed knows no bounds and it appears that Tamaleville and her representative at Washington are aligned for a determined fight against the border all long the line, and, so far as Del Rio is concerned, the Herald bids them defiance and desires them to fully understand that this end of the border line is capable of doing a little fighting itself. The war is on. Let it be to the finish.---Val Verde County Herald.

Rocky Locke was in town this week and reports a heavy rain at Dixie last week.

Miss Ethylen Monday of San Antonio is here on a visit, the guest of Mrs. J. E. Fritter.



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 EDITORIAL COMMENT. 

One of the most appalling catastrophes in the history of the United States was reported here yesterday by wire. San Francisco, the pride of the Pacific coast, was almost destroyed by an earthquake, to which was added the horrors of a conflagration, followed by a tidal wave which swept the city. Up to the time of going to press the loss of life is unknown, being reported as high as 100,000! The Angel of Death brushed the Gem of the Golden West with sable wing and a nation mourns for her dead.

The following telegram was received late yesterday afternoon: "Every building more or less damaged. All prominent buildings except Chronicle office completely destroyed. Greater part of city in flames and loss of life impossible to estimate. Tidal wave coming in for scores of miles along coast."

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Slow drizzling rains have fallen the past week throughout the entire county and prospects for a prosperous year were never brighter. Indications for more rain are good.

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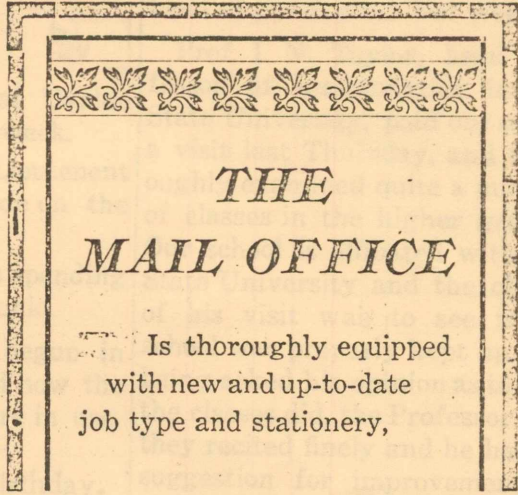
The Del Rio Herald gives San Antonio a well deserved rebuke for interfering and trying to take unto herself all the business that properly belongs to the border towns. San Antonio has contested with all her strength the building or improvement of Fort Clark and even now is trying to have the troops mobilized there instead of Clark. Del Rio has thrown down the gauntlet and will fight Tamaleville to a finish, and the border towns will stand by the plucky little city.

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FORT CLARK NEWS.

Van Arsdale had a narrow escape from death Sunday while playing ball. A batted ball struck him a glancing blow on the temple and laid him out. The doctor stated that if the ball had struck him squarely it would have killed him.

Lieutenant Kent is in San Antonio visiting.

Miss Buckner of San Antonio is the guest of Lieutenant and Mrs. Enos.

Lieutenant Enos and wife, Miss Buckner and several more went on a picnic Sunday.

Dr. Gilson of Brackett umpired the game between the two squadrons Sunday, and his decisions prove that he is thoroughly conversant with the rules and the game.

Midget Graham, looks real pleasant behind the soda fountain at the Post Exchange so don't be afraid fellows come and see him.

The Post Ball Team will leave for Sabinal on May 4 to play that town on their home diamond.

Lutz of Troop D is now employed in the Post Exchange as clerk.

Lieutenant McKinlay spent Saturday in Spofford.

Private Reis of Troop B has been appointed trumpeter.

The Post extends its heartiest congratulations to Lieutenant Schroeter and his bride.

The two squadrons played ball Saturday after noon. Score 15 to 9 in favor of 1st Squadron.

Oh for the growls heard on all side about the new cavalry long Tom. Any one that can solve a Chinese puzzle will be welcomed to the Post to try his hand at putting one of the new guns together.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunce, Miss Gra-

ham and Miss Miller of Uvalde were post visitors last week.

Captain Fuller and Lieutenant Miller are both in Uvalde on the Gastring trial.

Lieutenant Pegram is spending a few days in San Antonio.

Target practice was begun in earnest on the 13th and now the new Springfield guns are in use.

William Sharpe's Birthday.

Thursday, the 12th inst., being the thirty-ninth anniversary of Mr. William Sharpe's natal day, he was treated to a neat little surprise in the nature of a party. Sergeants Bergath and Jones arranged the details, and the entire party walked in on the honored gentleman, as a complete surprise, and proceeded to make merry for his especial benefit.

Mrs. Hattie Pieringer rendered some charming selections on the piano in her inimitable way, and songs by the guests completed an entertaining musical evening, after which cake and ice cream were served.

Congratulations and best wishes were tendered Mr. Sharpe, and many happy returns of the day.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bergath, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kitsch, Mrs. H. Pieringer and daughter Helen, and Misses Ella and Clara Bergath.

School Notes.

The girls in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades are as enthusiastic about baseball as the boys are.

Edith Dudley was absent from school last Wednesday.

Addie Gonzales remained at the

head of the A class last week.

Prof. I. N. Taylor, head professor of mathematics in the State University, paid our school a visit last Thursday, and thoroughly examined quite a number of classes in the higher grades. Our school is affiliated with the State University and the object of his visit was to see if the school was properly kept up. On being asked his opinion as to how the classes did, the Professor said they recited finely and he had no suggestion for improvement to make except that a few of the pupils be required to speak out more distinctly. He especially complimented the thoroughness of the school, also the fact that the three higher teachers are college graduates. He spoke in high terms of the method of teaching spelling adopted in our school and it may be noted here that we are all especially careful as to definitions and the use of diacriticals. He also commended the oral turning down method. The Professor spent his time reviewing classes, looking over examination papers and inquiring into the conduct of the school.

In an arithmetic match the following did not make a mistake: Willie Sharpe, Adela Sauer, Fred Herzing, Clara and Ethel Veltmann, Myrtle Nolan and George Hughes.

Virgil Larrison has re-entered the third grade.

Carrie Flores has returned after several months absence.

Charlotte Dudley remained at the head of her reading class for a week.

Florence Keene and Federico Castro were absent Friday.

Bryan Hunt is out of school on account of sore eyes.

Ruby Rose and Emma Shafer were absent Monday afternoon.

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Mr. Plucie from the B Candy Mfg. Co was in town last week.

Miss. Ida Kroshel of Del Rio is in town visiting her sister Mrs. E. A. Jones.

John Wolford, and Sam Ory, are in from the west prong, having a good time among the boys. Sam says they had their beauty struck at Keys studio. Look out! Keys for your lens.

Henry Schwandner, was in from his ranch Saturday.

George Schwadner, was in from his ranch for supplies.

Postmaster Veltmann, George Rivers. Otto Stadler and Doctor Partrick were visitors to San Antonio this week.

Will Price of the News went to Uvalde Monday to hear the argument in the Gastring case.

Misses Kate Graham, Ada Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Bunce of Uvalde, were here last week on some abstract business, returning home Sunday.

Charles Kartes' editor of the Brackett Mail, was in our office Wednesday. Editor Kartes is at work on an illustrated edition of Kinney county and having plenty of enterprises and a good county to talk about, he will make a success of it. If those Kinney county people know what is good for them they will give the editor substantial patronage. —Uvalde Leader-News.

Holmes always serves the best of everything.

Capt. C. S. Babcock, of Fort Clark, and the Fort Clark First Calvery Band were in Uvalde Last Sunday and made encampment in the grove. They were on their way to San Antonio to play for the Carnival. On their return they will probably give a concert at the Opera House. This band is one of the best in the state and have filled several engagements with signal success. —Uvalde Leader-News.

Herman Heneke, was in from his ranch on the Nueces, and reports that the corn is looking fine.

Tom Cook, we understand, will plant an extra acre or two for that new boy that arrived at his home recently.

W. P. Covington a sheepman ranching on the Kickapoo range, was in town Tuesday looking for herders. Mr. Covington says that while sheep are not suffering yet a good rain would not be amiss. Rain has fallen this week and prospects for stockmen are much brighter.

The shearers returned from Lausen's, having finished shearing there and will now go to J. G. Blackman's.

Among the stockmen in town this week we saw Ben Hill from the Turkey creek range.

Our old friend Herman Heneke from der hills out mit the Nueces, left town Tnesday with a big load of provisions.

W. C Easterling departed last Saturday for Ozona to take charge of the Ozona Kicker.—We wish him success in his new journalistic venture.—Del Rio News.

Keene & Keene bought the car load of fat cows that J. P. Jennings was going to ship, giving him Fort Worth prices, \$18 per head.

**EASTER PARTY.**

Miss Ethel Cox and Miss Ada Jones intertained a number of there friends at an Easter Party. The time was pleasantly passed with games and amusements of all kinds. The young folks all left for there homes, after having spent a pleasant evening. Those present were; Lillie Cox, Kathleen, Myrtle and Gladys Nolan, Glen, Ethel Veltmann, Blanch Seargent, Clara, Lessie and Maudie Studer, Roberta Ballyntine, Edith Mason, Eunice Perry, Myrtle and Florance Keene, Ethel Cox. Masters Tillman Hunt, Ralph DeWitt, Bryan Hunt, Albert Seargeant, Geo. Mason, Dewy Seargent, John Studer, Tom Perry and Henry Horn.

Mrs. O. F. Seargeant returned from San Antonio Saturday, very much improved in health. Mrs. James Cornell Jr., who has been with Mrs. Seargeant during her stay in San Antonio, accompanied the latter on her return, and is now visiting relatives here. Mrs. Cornell's home is in Sonora. A host of friends wish Mrs. Seargeant a speedy and complete recovery.